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*Lamentations, and
loue to God.*

Preces & Lachrymae.

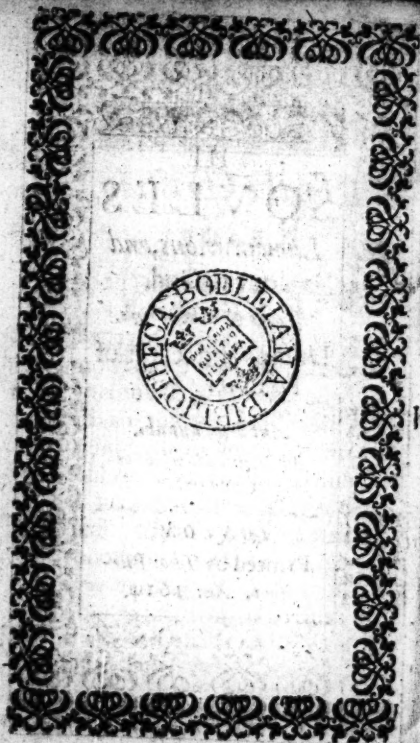
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REPENTANCE.

Aut ora, aut abi.

*Aut Penitendum, aut po-
reundum.*

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To the Christian
READER.

Hinke not (good
Christian REA-
DER) that these
Prayers may on-
ly be appropriated vnto my
selfe. They are not onelie
the Anatomie of my Soule,
and the discouery of my life;
but whatsoeuer pœnitent &
true hearted Christian shall
light vpon them, I doubt not
but he will thinke they were
deuized & ordained of God
for him. By them thou maist

A 2^d find

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find the Scripture verified,
which saith; *To the weake I
become as weake, that I may
winne the weake, 1. Cor. 9. 22.*
Or rather that, *Whether wee
be afflicted, it is for your consola-
tion and saluation; or whether
wee bee comforted, it is for your
consolation & saluation, 2. Cor.
1. 6.* If God bring some to
the gates of death for the
comfort of others; what ac-
count wee all ought to make
joynty of our selues, and
what possible comfort to mi-
nister one vnto another se-
uerally, in temptations, in
afflictions, in pouerties, in
necessities, in all the worlds
iniuries wherewith wee are
vexed

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vexed euery day, thou seest.
Seeing also wee esteeme not
to discouer our nakednesse,
and to set our infirmities vn-
to the view of men for his
servants sakes, that their ioy
may be full; knowing that if
they be weake, so are wee, if
they be strong, so are we: if
they be sinfull, so are we: if
they be penitent, so are we.
Let God be glorified, and let
euery sorrowfull soule tri-
umph in Christ vpon the
view of our weaknes. For he
that refused not vs, refuseth
none of his that come vnto
him, call vpon him faithfull-
ly, turne from iniquity, and
worship him in spirit and in

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truth. This one thing I entreat of thee, Aske not my name: it will not profit thee; I am thy fellow seruant, let that suffice thee: In thy prayers remeber me for a while, if thou know mee, and know me by thy selfe, and it shall satisfie me to the full: I doe & will pray for thee. Our Lord Iesus Christ be with thy Spirit,

Amen.

To the Sinner.

Christian Sinner : bee
not offended at the
passions of these Prai-
ers. Thou wilt not :
thou canst not; if euer
thou hast felt either thy sinnes, or thy
saniour; the one to afflict and affright
thee, the other to ease & refresh thee.
There is no greater burden then the
burden of sin : There is no greater ioy
then the ioy of the holy Ghost, given
and inspired of God through Iesus
Christ our Lord, The one is hell, and
the other is Heauen here on Earth.
The spirit of a man will sustaine his
infirmity: but a wounded spirit who
can beare? And so contrary : The
hart that is possessed with The peace
of God that passeth all understand-
ing; no doubt, reioyceth with ioy
unspeakeable and glorious. Adde
herunto: If the deare Saints of God,
(especially the holy Prophet David)
sorrowed not, as it were, to shunne them-

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solus in the eye of the worl'd, that they might satisfy their Consciences, and glorifie God. It ought not to seeme strange to any sanctified soule, that the Author hereof hath made himselfe (in a manner) a gazing stocke to the world, to Angels, and to men: To become weake vnto the weake that he might winne the weake; all to all, that at the least hee might gaine some. It is no matter what shame be poured on the face of a sinfull, miserable, and mortall man: so that one soule thereby may be gained to Christ. And I like exceedingly of that excellent resolution of that preminent Saint Augustine. Confitebor infirmitates meas oraturis pro me fratribus. Be thy discretio what it will, this is mine in God. And so I wish thee the comfort of heart in the Sauor of the world; of whom I am sure thou hast great need, as well as I.

Thinke in truth and charity.

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DEVOUT PRAYERS.

A Confession, lamentation, and submission to God.



Lord, my God: I
have sinned, and
done wickedly, I
have grievously
sinned, & done exceeding wickedly: my sinnes are innum-
ber

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ber infinite, and most abhominable in nature. Oh god
Lord: I haue prouoked thine
excellent Maiesty, and thy
strong power, and thine vpright
Iustice, to condemne
me bodie and soule sodainly.
Surely it is of thy mercy that
I am not already consumed: I
haue deserved presently, euen
now (Lord) before the next
moment, to be deliuered vp
into the hands of hell, and of
the Prince of darknesse, the
Exrant of the soule of man,
Satan the Deuil. For I haue
serued him and neglected thee:
I haue from my yonth obeyed
him and despised thy Maiesty
Oh most glorious, mightie,
and

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and terrible God) thy power,
and thy Justice I have despi-
sed and set at naught: And
yet if this were all I had
committed but small offence
in respect of that which I have
done. For thy mercy; thy mer-
cie (oh Lord) thy compassions
(oh good God) thy compassi-
ons infinite, and unspeak-
able, and unconceivable, ever
more alluring me, calling me
back, & not beseeching me (my
Conscience bearing witness)
to refrain from iniquitie, I
have cast behind me, and most
vile wretch, then whom there
is none liueth more wretched
that shall be saved. I have tro-
den and trampled vnder my
feet.

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And thus it is (my God and
my mercifull Redeemer) it is
most true : that when thou
hast offered mee grace, I
have refused it, & when thine
Angell hath stood on my right
hand, and stood on the left,
I have refused thine Angell,
and turned aside unto Sa-
than, I have leaned unto the
left hand, and not unto the
right: And I have fraterally
misused thy Spies, & have
shewn my selfe a notorious,
willfull, and unrepentant re-
bell: yea as a swift Horse of the
Forest, as a Dromedarie
of Spibian, as a wild Ass
of the wilderness, that snuf-
feth by wind at pleasure : I
have

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have runne hastily and head-
long from the right and high
way of life, into by-paths of
death and destruction: I have
entred league with sinne, and
have travailed quietly hand
in hand with the Princes of
everlasting darknesse: I have
suffered my selfe to be led by
them vnto the bottomles pit:
e therein I had almost plun-
ged my selfe vnto waies: I
was euen cleane gone from
thy presence, and remembered
thee no more: When, euen
then (oh sweet God) when I
was held in chaines of dark-
nes, thou didst send thine An-
gell and deliver me: What
shall I giue vnto thee: What

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shall I be thankfull: I will
praise thee with joyfull lips: I
will sing to thee fro y^e ground
of my heart. Accept the sacri-
fice of praise, I will take the
cup of saluation, and pray vn-
to thee. Behold I come vnto
thee right humbly, oh Lord
heare me, oh Lord heare me:
O Lord despise me not. If
thou makest as though thou
hearest not, I die, and what
profite is there in my bloud?
Spare me (good Lord) spare
me Heare and forgive, I pre-
sent vnto thee Christ Iesus,
he came into the world to
saue sinners: of whom not S.
Paul, but I; euen I the slave
of sinne that now am before
thee

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thee, I am the chiefe : which
I speake not (Lord) for fashi-
on, but from the depth of an
oppressed and wearied Con-
science thou knowest : It is
time for thee now to lay to thy
hand : for they haue destroy-
ed thy law within my soule.
They, even mine enemies, &
thine enemies, my sinnes and
villanies haue destroyed thy
law. I am brought even hard
to deaths doze, and Sathan,
yea truely many Sathans,
and many fiends, and furies,
and concupiscences, and Re-
gions of Diuels in me haue
almost made an end of mee.
My soule is a pray vnto them.
O Lord deliuer mee, and bee

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mercifull vnto me. Deliuer
my soule from the lawes of
the Lyons. Deliuer me for
Jesus Christs sake, sprinkle
his bloud ouer my scorched
Conscience: yet if thou suf-
fer me to lye a while in these
flames, Lord grant mee pati-
ence, and I willingly suffer.
Thy will bee done. I know
thou wilt deliuer me, for thou
hast promised and canst not
lye, and thou art able readily:
for thine is the kingdome,
the power, and the
glozie, for euer
and euer.
Amen.

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¶ A wrestling with hardnes
of heart, and a beraking
of the Soule vnto Gods
dispose.



O mercifull Lord
God, I am bitter-
ly ashamed & con-
founded: I am
griued at the very heart: my
Soule is heauie and full of
sorrow; my bones are dreyed,
and my sight fayleth me, be-
cause of my sinnes. I lye in
the midst of my cruell ene-
mies, and the snares of Hell
doe hold my heart in heau-
nells: it grieneth me to con-

te 5: felle

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fesse, it griueth me very sore,
the remembrance of mine ini-
quities is a vexation vnto my
soule, the shame of the which
yet I haue not shamed to co-
mit in thy sight carelessly, com-
monly, presumptuously, and
pauishly, both euen astonish
and amaze my wounded and
languishing conscience: Yet
I must confesse and will not
deny vnto thee (Oh my God)
I haue sinned exceedingly.
Oh Lord God shew me thy
countenance, and turne thy
loving and fauourable face to-
wards me, giue eare vnto my
prayers, and consider my me-
ditations; my mournfull
meditations, how I mourne
in

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in my selfe, and am vexed.
Heere (O Lord) yet vouch-
safe to heare my request,
vouchsafe to heare the con-
fession of my sinfull and un-
godly life, of my wanton, and
wicked behaviour; of my vile
and abhominable finnes and
transgressions whereby I haue
dismayed my heart, daunted
my courage of faith and god-
liness, & euen (without thee)
damned my selfe body and
soule. Heare I most humbly
beseech thee (most loving Fa-
ther of heauen) who neuer
disdaineest nor scornest them
that come vnto thee. Heare
my finnes, my finnes, my
finnes. Alas: how can I re-
peate

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peate them? how can I remember them? they are more in number then the haire of my head, and my heart hath failed mee. I am euen already in the hell, and I lye couered with them and blinded (O God) I cannot see thy face. If not now, euen when thou wilt. If thou neuer wilt, I know it not, for who hath knowen thy mind (O Lord) or who hath bene thy Counsellor? Yet seeing I know not whether thou wilt shine vnto mee in the face of Iesus Christ, or no: I will therefore trust in thee, and rest vpon thee, & bequeath my soule vnto thee, though thou kill mee.

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me. And now according to my duty I will confesse, if hatefull heart filled with sin do say not for my duties sake, yet for the ease of my stomache : and if I so hate my selfe, and enuy mine owne ease, yet even for spite to my corrupted conscience ; I will confesse my wickednesse, and I will lay open my abominations, that I may delight in their remembrance, not that I delight in them, but that I abhorre them, and my selfe for them, and therein I take delight. Wherefore I confesse unto thine eternall Maiestie freely without constraint, willingly without
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compulsion, gladly, and ioyfully, ioyfully that so much grace is left vnto me to confesse, but sorrowfully to my soule; (and woe worth my soule that euer I haue so abused, defaced, wounded it) but I confesse, I confesse, & where shall I begin: I confesse I haue sinned against Heaven, and against thee, against Earth, & against thee, against my selfe, and against thee, against all men, and against thee, against the whole course and order of nature, and against thee, against my creation, and against thee, against my redemption, and against thee, against my Iustification,

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fication, and against thee, against my Sanctificatiō, Preservation, Faith, Hope, Charity, godlynesse, vertue, all grace that ever was given me (and it hath bene given in great measure) and against thee; against thee (Oh heavenly Father) and thy Paternallie, mercy, and glory, and power, and Justice, and goodness, I have offended and trespassed most haynously & villanously. Oh Lord pardon me, Oh Lord forgive me, forgive my pride, and arrogancy, forgive my negligēce, contempt, and security; forgive my idlenes, and vanity; forgive my prophanes, & impietie;

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pietie; forgiue my uncleane-
nesse, and vchastity; forgiue
my oppression, & iniury; for-
giue my grosse, and godlesse,
and shamefull, and vnnatu-
rall, and vnnearurable, and
vnsatiabie wickednesse. Ac-
cept my confession, accept my
contrition, accept my acknow-
ledgement, accept my iudge-
ment, and condemnation of
my selfe; for mine owne con-
science hath condemned me,
and my ouer-much, and out-
crying finnes haue witnessed
against me, if thou (O mercifull
Iudge) pronounce the
sentence of damnation a-
gainst mee, it is thy mercy
that thou hast staied thy fierce
wrath

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wrath, & ten thousand times
deserued vengeance thus long:
yea verily, that thou didst not
forthwith passe thine irreu-
cable sentence, it is thy great
mercie. If now thou wilt do
it and shew mee mercy no
more, thou mayest do it in ve-
ry equitie of Justice, thou hast
my confession, it doth me good
that I haue been vered there-
with, would it might please
thee I might be more vered
vntill my hatred be perfect a-
gainst vngodlinesse, thy will
be done. I commit my selfe
into thy hands. Do with me
as seemeth good in thine owne
eyes, thou art a gracious God.
Death is my desert, I am e-
uen

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men glad and it reioyceth me,
that yet in one thing I can
be obedient vnto thee, enen in
yeelding my soule to thy holy
will though it bee to thow
downe to hell. Hell is my right
and my portion, the inheri-
tance that I haue deserued. If
I be cast therein I must be
content : But yet there is
hope. I deale with a mercifull
Iudge ; well : let there be no
hope, Take my confession O
God of my soule, do thy plea-
sure, if I dye I die worthe of
a thousand deaths, none more
worthe. Alas my soule, alas
my soule, Come sweet Iesus,
come quickly, the pit is deepe,
it is bottomlesse, despaire hath
taken

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taken hold vpon me, and it
draweth me, Lord shall I be
damned indeed? oh take the
sacrifice of a contrite spirit:
oh remember the blood of Je-
sus Christ: oh wash me, and
cleanse me, and thou shalt find
no wickednesse in me. Lord
shal I be damned, that some-
time haue trusted in thee, and
haue hoped in thy holy name?
I commit my soule into thine
hands; oh remember thy son
Christ; and so I commit it in-
to thy mercifull hands again:
For thine is the kingdome,
the power, and the glory, for
euer and euer. Amen.

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A comfortable conceit
vpon review of the soule
vnder Gods protection:
And an earnest entreatie
for godly perseuerance.

I Committed my
soule into thy
hands (oh Lord
thou G D D of
mercie) render it, restore it
now; nay thine it is and keepe
it I beseech thee, and let mee
haue a sight of it. Oh thanks
bee vnto thy diuine Maiestie
and vspeakable mercy, that
yet once againe thou hast wa-
shed, and cleansed it, that thou
hast

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hast sprinkled the bloud of
Jesus Christ over it, that thou
hast adorne and beautified it
with glorious grace, and hast
not taken thine holie Spirit
from me. Lord pardon my un-
thankfulness. Goe my soule
vnto thy God at all times, for
he loueth thee, he hath once lo-
ued thee, and he loueth thee
for ever. Goe vnto him, and
tve thy selfe, be not separated
oh my soule. He is thy God,
he is thy Creator, he is thy re-
deemer, he is thy Saviour. O
worship thou him in the beau-
tie of holinesse. Oh mercifull
Lord God haue pittie yet a-
gaine on my distressed, for-
lorne, and forsaken soule. It

is

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is wonderfully wounded vnto the death. Oh saue me, saue me oh Lord, why am I thus? why art thou angry with me for ever? I will hope in thy holy name, oh let me not go away ashamed because I haue put my trust in thee. Who euer trusted in thee, and was confounded? And shall I? Surely thou wilt heare mee, thou wilt helpe me, thou wilt comfort me; My heart telleth mee: thy spirit beareth witnesse vnto me, that I shall bee relieved, and comforted, and made glad, and exceeding ioyfull, with the light of thy countenance. Behold, euen as the eyes of a seruant doe
looke

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looke vnto the hand of his mai-
ster, and the eyes of a maiden
vnto the hand of her Mistres,
euen so mine eyes wayt vpon
thee my God, vntill thou haue
mercy vpon me. Make speed
O Lord and be not slack, it is
time, it is high time I beseech
thee Lord let me beg my soule
out of the hands of Satan, for
Jesus sake, and draw my
soule (oh louing Father) vn-
to Jesus Christ: let him com-
mand Satan to yeld it vpa-
gaire. Seeing he hath no title,
no Interest, why should hee
haue any possession, oh that it
were wholly imployed in thy
seruice. Heare then Lord, and
forgiue all my sinnes past, my

Rose,

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Rose-coloured and blond-red
limes : remember thy mer-
cies in Iesus Christ my only
Saviour & most loving Re-
deemer ; to whome with thee
and the holie Ghost, one God
Almighty, eternall, and most
mercifull, bee praise, and
glorie, for ever and
ever. Amen.

¶ An excellent wrestling
with Iesus Christ.



O sweet Iesu
Christ sonne of
God, sonne of
the Father, lord
of life, sonne of
David,

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Dauid, redēmer of the world
haue mercy vpon me misera-
ble sinner. I haue defaced the
glorious Image after which
I was created : I haue per-
uerted my wayes, and deliue-
red my soule into the power
of Satan. I was held cap-
tiue, and bound in the chaines
of euerlasting darkenes, yet
thou (O Lord) didst redēme
me with thy most precious
blood : thou didst deliuer me,
and set me at libertie : thou
diddest offer vp thine owne
body vpon the crosse, and sub-
mit thy selfe vnto the death
for my sake, and this my re-
demption thou didst seale in
my heart by the most comfo-

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table gift of faith, and other
Christian vertues attending
therebpon: so that I gaue my
selfe to loue thee, and cheere-
fully to serue thee; and call
vpon thee: then didst thou
answere me againe, and fil-
ledst my heart with gladnes;
yea (sweet Iesu) thou know-
est that my heart within mee
hath leaped, and daunced for
ioy of thy louing countenance,
and vspeakable mercies.
Say it please thee, I know
it doth please thee (O merciful
Redeemer) to continue
thy louing kindness towards
mee. I know, and I con-
fesse (for if I deny I am a ly-
er) that I haue notwithstan-
ding

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ding thy tender loue towards
me, in redẽming my sinfull
and wretched soule, greatly,
and notoriously abused, and
contemned thy goodnes: wan-
tonly, and wickedly kicked,
and spurned against thy holie
grace, the seale of mine eter-
nall election, and redemption,
wonderfully, and strangely,
(oh good Christ) thou knowest
most villanously, p:esumptu-
ously, and almost despightful-
ly defacing and rasing out the
p:int thereof by most heinous
transgressions heaped vp to-
gether, & encreasing in great
measure in most vile and ab-
hominable sort, so that I had
almost lost faith, and fallen

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from grace : But continuall
and euerlasting praise bee gi-
uen to thee : thou hast lifted
me vp fro the gates of death,
from the pit of hell, and power
of the Diuell. The slye and
subtill snares of damnation
were spread vnder me, and I
stumbled, and fell ; and now
was hell and death, and dam-
nation, preparing a triumph
ouer my soule, now was the
Diuell stepping with his grie-
vy teeth to teare ; and loe,
thou sonne of God, thou saui-
our of men, thou strong and
mighty by thy mighty power,
whereby thou art able to sub-
due all things vnto thy selfe,
didst pluck me out of his teeth,
and

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and deliuer me. What shall
I render vnto thy Maiestie?
thy power, thy goodnesse, thy
mercie, thy most undeserued
(true Lord, and most true)
compassion, and pittie? What
shall I render vnto thee for all
the good that thou hast done
vnto me? Surely I will con-
fesse vnto thee my wickednes,
and be sorrye for my sinne. I
will magnifie and praise thy
name for ever. I will speake
of thy louing kindnesse, and
make mention of thy saluati-
on; Oh Lord, who is like
vnto thee, that deliuerest me
from him that is too strong for
me, and spoileth mee? My
soule shall make her boast of

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thee, and shal not be ashamed,
because thou Lord hast holpen
me, and comforted me. Be-
ouer (oh my Iesus) I will not
cease to pray vnto thee, dispose
me therevnto I most humbly
beseech thee, for without thee
I can doe nothing. Oh let my
prayer come before thee, and
enter into thy presence, Let
me neuer be so mightily over-
come, and so shamefully over-
throwne as I haue bene.
Giue me thy constant spirit:
breed in my heart and Consci-
ence a deadly hatred, and des-
perate enmity of sinne and
wickednesse: let me neuer be
reconciled vnto them againe:
Oh let my soule loue thy most
precious

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precious blood, by which it is washed and cleansed from most vile corruptions. Let me die (oh Lord) and depart this life before I so contemptuously, as indeed I have done, tread, and trample it, as it were under my profane feet. Oh let me die first I vnfeignedly desire thee (my sweet Saviour:) For why should I live to dishonour thee in such sort? Why should I live still to prouoke thy wrath, and mine owne vnquietnesse? I haue profaned thy sanctified and sanctifying blood, I haue buffeted thee on the face; I haue whipped and scourged thee most cruelly: I haue by

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most obious impiety crucified
thee afresh vnto my selfe. Ah
sinnefull wretch laden with
iniquity; heauie laden; Ah
laden, oh when wilt thou re-
fresh me? quicken me in thy
righteousnesse, and cleanse me
from all my filthinesse, oh
cleanse me & I shall be cleane,
whiter the snow, clearer then
glasse, acceptable to the righ-
teous Judge God our Fa-
ther, louing, and mercifull,
who neuer refuseth thee (oh
Christ) his welbeloued Son.
I beseech thee, I beseech thee
restore mee; make glad my
heart againe, render now thy
grace, which I haue lost by
my trespasse; and from pre-
sump.

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sumptuous sinnes (oh Lord)
keepe me : set Angells about
me to draw me by violence
from such vngodlinesse. If
thou wilt thou canst make
me cleane, and thou art mer-
cy it selfe, and yet hitherto
none hath trusted in thee, and
been sent away empty, and
thou art able, For all power
is giuen to thee in heauen and
in earth, and at the name of
Jesus every knee must bow,
both of things in heauen, and
things in earth, and things
vnder the earth: now I com-
mit my cause vnto thy diuine
wisdomme, and vspeakable
mercy: now I craue pardon,
now I craue grace, and con-

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tinuance therein, and in thy
good time thou wilt not fayle
to giue, (oh Lord) strengthen
my patience, and increase my
faith, for thine is the King-
dome, the power, and
the glorie, for euer
and euer A-
men.

¶ A comfortable confessi-
on and Supplication.



Lord God, great
and fearfull, most
mighty, and full
of strength: Be-
hold how I mourne in my
prayer, and am vexed, my
sorowes

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sorrowes are gone ouer my
head, my sinnes are bound vp
in a bundle to be layd vppon
mee, nay to be repeated, my
soule is payned and pined a-
way through my dayly com-
plainyng, and yet thou (oh
righteous Iudge) continuest
holy, and iust in thy iudge-
ments. Thy punishments
are inflicted vpon me; thine
arrowes sticke fast in mee,
thou hast wounded me sore;
but in mercy thou hast chaste-
ned me, my rebellious haue
deserued much more, nay in-
finite; and yet it pleaseth thy
Maiestie to be mercifull vnto
me, enen so Father because it
is thy good pleasure to saue
sin.

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sinners, of whom I am the
chiefe. O God of mercies
and compassions; oh Father,
and Spirit of all comfort, and
consolation, heare thy seruant
that putteth his trust in thee;
heare, and giue eare: thy mer-
cies haue drawne me vnto
thee, and thine innumerable
compassions haue constrained
me to acknowledge vnto thee
Holy, holy, holy, true in pro-
mise; faithfull in mercy; full
of kindnes, long suffering
and of great goodnes, won-
derfull in pity, and most won-
derfull, thou sparest when we
deserue punishment, and in
thy punishment thou art not
cruell, but seuerer; nay rather
gentle

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gentle, and mercifull : even
gentlenes, and mercy, and
merkenes, and patience, and
tender loue, and kindnes it
selfe. I see it, I find it, I con-
fesse it, I giue thanks for it.
What shall I render to thee?
I will thanke thee, for thou
hast wounded, and thou hast
cured, and thou hast healed
me, thou hast suffered me to
slip into the gates of hell, and
thou hast deliuered me. Oh
ye that feare the Lord, magni-
fie ye the lord with me, oh let
vs come befoze him in the
beautie of holinesse, for hee
hath regarded the contemned
estate of a sinner, and he one-
ly forgane my sinne: my soule
doth

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both testifie & make her boast
of the Lord, I sought him
early and late, in the day time
and in the night season (this
was my dutie, this was my
necessity:) for a while he hid
his face from me, and I was
troubled; for a while he was
angrie, and I consumed; for
a while he held my sins before
me, and I was amazed, asha-
med, and confounded: but
he turned his mercie toward
me, and I received comfort,
I conceived hope, I perceiued
that of very faithfulness he
caused me to suffer griefe; I
magnifie the Lord with mee.
He woundeth, and maketh
whole againe; he afflicteth,
and

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and he deliuereth out of affliction; he hath shewed me sorowes, and yet in the multitude of the sorowes that I had in my heart, his comforts haue refreshed my soule. What comforts? Christ my Redemer: my Saviour, my King, and my God. Merily a King. Hee hath taken my sins, my presumptuous sins, and defaced them. Hee hath entred into my soule, and dispossessed Satan, Legions of Devils hee hath chased, and gotten him selfe the victorie. Keioyce in the Lord thy King (oh my soule) he ruleth in the midst among thine enemies. They are brought to nothing that

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that sought to destroy thee. Jesus is in the midst of thee, even in thy heart, and in thy soule to save, he sitteth there, even there also in thy conscience. Oh my redeemed soule betwene the Cherubins; Behold thy king, behold, and be glad, his traine is with him, his Angels minister unto him, & about thee they stand to drive away the fiends of hell, and to defend thee. Why then art thou so sad oh my soule? what aileth thee? Canst thou not rest upon thy saviour, thy hope, and thy buckler, and the strong God of thy salvation? Put thy trust in God; be strong, and of a good courage,

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courage, and he shall establish
thy heart, euen Iesus that de-
livereth thee from the wrath
to come, hee shall so establish
thine heart, and save thee. O
blesse his holie name. Oh
praise him, and magnifie him
for ever, he onely is the Lord,
he onlie is the King, and there
is none but he ; Oh Iesu I
adore and worship thee. Oh
Christ I praise, & give thanks
unto thee, Oh Redemer I
confesse unto thee, mine is þ
shame, thine is þ glorie, mine
is the weaknes, thine is þ po-
wer, the kingdome, the domi-
nion, and rule over sinne and
Satan, death, and hell. Sit
still while thou art there ; be
hold

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hold I scoyme at sin and Sa-
tan, they cannot enter. Auant
Satan. Iesus is the Lord,
thou hadst miserablie spoiled
me; but loe my Redemer is
come; Auant Satan. Sweet
Iesu; mightie Lord; my
king; thy mercie is sweet, thy
might is invincible, the scepter
of thy kingdome is a scepter
of holinesse; holinesse the life
of the soule, the seale of life,
the earnest of inheritance in
the kingdome of Heauen. O
king in my heart sit still, rule
still, liue still. And of a truth
will God dwell with man: I
thanke thee, I honour thee, I
adoze thee. Oh king liue for
euer. Amen, Amen.

¶ A

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¶ A verie devout and zealous complaint against Inconstancy & Hypocrisie.

I Said I would forsake my wickednesse, and eschew mine iniquitie in thy sight, I resolved from a perfect and byright heart (oh my G D thou knowest) to give an everlasting farewell to my sinne, I promised thy most sacred and excellent Maiestie from the ground of my grievued Conscience, that I would neuer
returne

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returne as a Dog to my bo-
mit, or a Sow that is washed
to the wallowing in the myre.
But alas how weake? how
faithlesse? how inconstant?
how forgetfull am I? how
sone am I caried aside, and
turned out of the way? how
is my soule become a snare to
take my selfe? how is my bo-
dy a verie bondslawe to the fil-
thy desires of my soule? how
am I altogether corrupt and
abhoumable as befoze? I
hate my sinne, and I commit
my sinne, I abhorre my re-
bellion, and yet yeld to my
rebellion. How is my soule
pained, and my bodie pined by
reason of my sinne? I haue
fasted,

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fasted, and watched, and praised,
and wept, and confessed,
and craved pardon many
times, carefullie, zealouslie,
vehementlie: and have recei-
ued comfort, conceined hope
of thy constant spirit, and yet
my sinne remaineth. O vile
wretch! O slave of sinne! O
dudge of transgression! O
vassall of Satan that I am!
what shall I doe? whither
shall I flie? to whome shall
I resort for delivrance? If I
say unto my bodie doe not
yeeld, it resisteth; If I say to
my soule be not overcome, it
denieth. I am wholly evill,
and there is no good thing in
me. And yet my soule is more
abomi.

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abominable then this : for
it flattereth me as though it
would be obedient to thy spi-
rit (oh God) but it dissembleth
with me. It is a very hypo-
crite, in nothing constant, in
nothing stedfast but in hypo-
cristie, and in deceit, it promi-
seth, and it performeth not.
Why art thou so wicked oh
my soule : why art thou so
false vnto me : why dost thou
suffer Satan thine enemy &
murderer to poyson thee, and
so to kill thee : Oh miserable
soule : why wilt thou dye :
oh Jesus my life why am I
departed from thee : Oh Je-
sus come vnto me whom my
soule loueth. Oue depth cal-
leth

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leth another: the depth of misery, the depth of mercy. My misery is deepe, but thy mercie is bottomlesse, & I know no end therof. What then? be of good cheere my soule, go, seeke thy saviour, follow after him. Thy finnes are many, and thou canst not number them, they are heynous, and odious, and thou canst not esteeme the abomination of them: but he hath numbered them, and he knoweth their quality, and his mercies are without number & measure. Infinite and not definite to any persons; thou art not excepted; to any times this day thou shalt be accepted,

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ted, as it is written. At what
time soever, &c. oh put thy
trust in God, and in the mer-
cie of the most high, thou shalt
not miscarry, he is the helpe
of thy countenance, and thy
God. Trust to him, rest in
him, depend upon him; fol-
low after him, wrestle with
him, pray unto him, and
leave him not till hee bestow
a blessing: till he change thy
heart, and make it new, be
not faint, neither forgetfull;
without him thou shalt have
no rest, and in him thou shalt
find rest, and ease, and com-
fort, and ioy and eternall life,
and euellasting felicitie, thou
knowest my Soule when
thou

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thou art with him thou art
quiet, and glad because of the
light of his countenance, when
thou art from him, thou art
sad because thou art from thy
joy. Oh seeke thy Redeemer;
forget not thy Saviour, his
mercie is thy life, oh life grant
mercie. Oh Christ saue. I am
a Leaper, if thou wilt thou
canst make me cleane. I am
the Publican, oh Lord bee
mercifull vnto me a sinner, a
great sinner, a grieuous sin-
ner, the chiefe of sinners.
Truth, oh truth, oh faithfull
and true, oh sweet Iesu, who
hath need of thy mercie as I
haue? Thou canst not bestow
it on a more needy begger?

D

One

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One drop of thy mercie sweet
Jesu, sweet Jesu. Amen, A-
men.

The dumpe or dampe of
despaire : whereout the
sinner labouring, pittiful-
ly complaineth and cry-
eth vnto Christ Iesus to
bereshed and comfor-
ted.

Day by day haue I
cryed vnto the
Lord, and in the
night when I
was waking I thought vpon
his mercies, and called for
them. For I saw the vglye
shape

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Shape and innumerable multitude of my times crying vengeance day and night. I perceived I was afflicted, my soule was heauie, and my body pined away, I cherished my flesh, and it would not remaine, it rotted, and decayed. For the anger of the Lord, & the indignation of the most high, I brought my life down vnto the ground, and my sorrows were encreased in my heart. For I was pained within me, and straightned in my olone bowels, then spake I to the Almighty, and sayd as the Prophet taught me. When thou with rebukes

D 2 thou

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thou makest his beautie to
consume away as it were a
moath fretting a garment,
¶ I said, My wounds stincke,
and are corrupt through my
foolishnes, and I said, Thine
arrowes sticke fast in me, and
thy hand presseth mee sore.
For I prayed daily, and yet
my sinne remained, and the
punishment of my sinne was
hard vpon me. The Almighty
had couered his face with
gloze, and I was troubled, I
found no rest in my selfe, no
refuge in any creature. Then
I stood amazed in the presence
of my God. For I could not
speake, my sinnes were
folded, and layed open in his
sight.

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sight, & he remembred them.
So I drew nearer and nearer
vnto the pit, and accompted
my selfe among the wicked.
I was silent before the high
Maiestie and most excellent
glorie, for I could not speake,
yea, my heart wandred to
and fro, and I sought to hide
me from his presence: But it
would not be. The eye of iea-
lousie seeth all things, and the
ears of ieaousie heareth all
things, and my finnes were
bound vp in a bundle before
him, and the punishment for
them lay sore vpon me. When
I said againe, Lord dost thou
so correct thine owne children?
Where shall the wicked ap-

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peare? Surely they shall van-
nish away like smoake when
thou appearest to them in glo-
rie. But I said of my selfe
I am cast out of thy presence,
and I am numbred with the
reprobate generation. Neuer-
thelesse, when I saw I could
not lie hid, neither could avoid
the righteousnesse of the righ-
teous Judge, neither yet was
able to pacifie my bered con-
science, because I found no
meanes in my selfe to forsake
mine owne iniquitie, where-
with I am cloathed as with
a cloake. When I perceiued
indeed, and knew thoroughly
the most poore, wretched, and
miserable estate of my soule,
inclinable

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inclunable to no goodnes, but
most vehemently with might
and maine striving against it:
I came trembling vnto the
Lord Iesus, I made my com-
plaint and poyered out my
supplication before him; in
this manner. Oh Iesu Christ
the onlie Saviour, annointed
of the high God: Lord of life,
of consolation, and eternitie,
Redeemer of the world, recon-
ciler of man vnto God by priest,
and mediator for ever, cloa-
thed with the flesh of man to
deliuer man from hell be-
neath. Oh mercie, and good-
nesse, and compassion it selfe,
thou makest friendship be-
twene life and death, morta-
litie,

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little, and immortality, corruption, and incorruption; heare me (O Lord) and cast me not away: wherefore dost thou die, but for sinners? why dost thou come into this world but to save sinners? To what purpose dost thou deliver thy selfe into the hands of sinners? Was not this the cause of thy obedient life, and cruel death, the wretchednes of sinners? Why then (oh Iesu) I am a sinner. Why art thou absent from me? Thou canst not so call the righteous, but sinners to repentance; call me then unto thee, and draw me: For I cannot come of my selfe, I cannot come when

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I am called, except I be
drawen; without thee I can
doe nothing: I cannot come
unto thee, Call me, draw me,
come for me. I lie in the pit,
I am spoiled of robbets: I
am robbed of thy robes, my
justification, and sanctification.
The spoilers are my sinnes,
my concupiscences, my cor-
ruptions within me. They
(oh Iesu) even they have spoil-
ed mee, dis-robed me of thy
graces, disfurnished mee of
thy riches, and vertues; Oh
good Samaritan while I am
weltring in my blood, Oh
while I am in my blood, de-
spise me not, passe not by me,
have pittie, and compassion
D 5 upon

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Upon me. Bring thy blood,
thy most precious blood, pre-
cious, because not to be valu-
ed at any price, better then the
balm of Gilead, powre it in-
to my wounds, it is wine, it
is oyle, it hath a saving ver-
tue, O saue me my Saviour,
Jesu the sonne of David haue
mercy vpon mee, I thirst for
thee, I long for thee, I faint
for thee. Jesu thou sonne of
David haue mercie vpon me,
I haue hoped in thy holie
name. For why art thou the
sonne of David? Is it not be-
cause of thy sure mercies to
David? and to his seed for e-
uer? And who is the seed of
David? are not they that call
vpon

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Upon thee, that rest in thee,
that haue no other saluation
but thee, the seed of Dauid? O
then I haue no helper, no sa-
uour, no redeemer, but thee;
(oh Word of life. O Prince of
peace, oh G O D my righte-
ousnes.) I haue none but thee.
I am then the seed of Dauid,
performe to me y^e holy things
of Dauid, the promises of e-
ternall life. O sonne of Da-
uid haue mercie vpon me. If
thou wilt, thou canst make me
cleane, purge me oh Physician
of the soule : purge mee, and
make mee cleane, let thy blood
wash mee thoroughly, and I
shall be cleane ; I haue deser-
ued thy iust conceiued fury: no
reason


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reason thou shouldst heare
saue, but thine owne mercy, &
thine own loue: I appeale vn-
to them: wherefore hast thou
called me, and taught me thy
truth? In vaine? O let it not be
in vaine. Wherefore do I be-
leue thee to be sauour of sin-
ners? in vaine? O let it not be
in vaine. But if I be not saved
I beleue in vaine. Lord heare
my prayer, and let my sorrow-
full sighing come before thee.
So I trust. I will not di-
strust, Helpe my vnbelieve: I
will lay my saluation on thy
shoulders, oh Christ Iesu. For
thine is the kingdome, the po-
wer, and the glory, for euer,
and euer. Amen.

¶ An

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¶ An humble suite for a
liuely fayth.

 Almighty God,
and most merri-
full Father, thou
knowest my sor-
rowes, and my rowling re-
pentances within me; how
I am griued, and vexed that
I haue transgressed against
thee, oh Lord thou knowest.
The terrors, and troubles of
my heart are all open before
thy Maiestie, whom that I
haue prouoked to take swift
vengeance vpon me I con-
fesse, yea (oh mighty Go-
narch

Devout Prayers.

narche of heauen and earth)
I confesse freely and willingly,
that damnation of body
and soule is my due, and the
rather so; that by mine ini-
quities best known unto
thy sacred Maiestie, I haue
refused Faith in the blood of
thy Sonne Iesus Christ. I
haue hardened my heart, and
encreased my contempt a-
gainst him. Now Lord, see-
ing it hath pleased thee to call
to my remembrance, and
consideration my transgressi-
ons, to giue me grace to con-
fesse and acknowledge them
in a detestation of them: to
seek and sue to thy Sonne
Iesus Christ in whom thou
art

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art well pleased, I beseech
thee (oh Father) good Father
as thou hast loved mankind
freely; so giue me the most ex-
cellent and comfortable gift
of Faith, in the death and
passion of Iesus Christ, that
I may beleue stedfastly to
my comfort in him, that he is
the Saviour, & Redeemer;
not onely of others but of me
also, euen of me (oh Father)
thy Creature, though mise-
rably deformed by sinne. Oh
send thy holy spirit of grace
into my heart, that I beeing
dead & stinking in the graue
of my wickednesse; yet may
arise, and liue to thee, and
thy glory for euer, through
the

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the powerfull might of Iesus
Christ, by an vnsained and
settled faith in my heart. Oh
heavenly Father, I am al-
most swallowed up of des-
paire, thy punishment doth so
amaze me; Oh deliuer my
soule from that fearfull mon-
ster. I am ashamed and con-
founded before thee, my sins
are so many since my youth
up, & now thou callest the to
thy remembrance, and I can-
not answer one for a Thou-
sand. I will therefore lay
mine hand vpon my mouth,
and keepe silence before thee,
wayting for thy deliuerance,
and for faith in Iesus Christ;
Oh send me faith, lively and
woz,

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working, and comforting,
that I may goe forward rou-
ragiously in the path of sancti-
fication all my life long.
Grant this oh Father, that I
may glorifie thy name, and
reioyce in thee and in thy sa-
ving health Iesus Christ my
only Lord, Redemer and
Saviour. To whom with
thee, and that desired and lon-
ged for holy Ghost, three per-
sons, and one Coequall, and
Coeternall God, be all glo-
rie and praise, and Dominion
and Spacitie, and thank-
giving from henceforth,
and for evermore,
Amen.

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A gladsome thanksgiv-
ing for the tast of Gods
mercie.

Eternall G O D,
whose habitation
is in heauen, and
whose wonderfull
and gracious prouidence in all
the world : thanks be giuen
to thy most sacred Matetrie,
that being so high, thou hast
respect vnto the lowly : that
being so powerfull and migh-
ty, thou hast regard to my
misery. Oh gracious and
most louing Father in Iesus
Christ my Saviour, hath it
pleased

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pleased thee indeed to take the
prey from the mighty (my
soule from Satan) and to let
the iust captinitie goe free: my
sinnefull soule and body in-
deed, and truth, snared and
captiued of the Prince of
darknes, to be loosed from the
chaines of hell, infirmitie, &
hormity, presūptiō, custome
of iniquitie: it is true, it hath
pleased thee: even so Father,
because it was thy good plea-
sure. I acknowledge, and
confesse that this hath procé-
ded of thine everlasting and
never dying mercies. I will
therefore take vp the cup of
saluation, that thou hast rea-
ched vnto me, and drinke it
tp,

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Op, health vnto my bones, to
my bowels, to my navill, to
my soule. I haue sucked the
dregs of the cup of trembling,
but the cup of trembling is ta-
ken from me, now thou hast
refreshed me with cheerefull
wine, the blood of Iesus
Christ. I will make menti-
on of thy rightcousnesse al-
wayes, I will sing praise &
honour vnto thee with my
whole heart: I was dead,
but I am alive, I was wi-
thered like hays; but now I
shall flourish as a green hearb,
beyond all hope. Loe: this
this is the portion of thee that
turne from iniquity in Iacob,
and feare the Lord seruing
him

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him in brightness and truth.
Thus is the Lord mercifull
unto his servants, whome he
hath chosen: He keepeth them
that they do not fall for ever.
Thus is he mercifull unto
them for his owne sake. O
King of Kings, thou dweller
in eternitie, seeing so farre it
hath pleased thee to visite the
distressed estate of a sinner,
and to lead me in the path of
righteousnesse, thou art un-
changeable, one and the same,
and hast neuer used to repent
thee of thy compassions, heare
me, and giue eare, and looke
upon mee through thy sonne
Jesus Christ, and please thy
selfe with me. Grant that I
being

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being continually covered
with his obedience (as with a
cloake) may be ever accepta-
ble in thy sight, accompanie
me the whole race of my mor-
tall life, with his, and thy
most sacred and wise grace,
that so it may appeare to the
ioye of my sorrowfull heart,
and peace of my conscience;
as also to the sight and perfect
knowledge of men, that thou
art mercifull vnto mee of a
truth, that thou hast lifted me
vp; that in thy wrath thou
didst punish me: but in thy
mercy hast compassion on me;
because I haue hoped in thy
holy name, and haue waited
for thy saluation. And as for
me

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me (my God) performe the
worke of comfort, which thou
hast begunne in mee, and en-
crease the ioy of my spirit from
day to day, and bring me forth
into the light, a mirrour of thy
mercies, & a spectacle of thine
unspeakable and rich com-
passions, through Iesus
Christ our Lord
and only Savi-
our. A-
men.

¶ The

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The Sinners deniall of
himselfe, and lowlie peti-
tion to bee accepted of
God, and receiued into
his conduct.



Delightie God,
Father of mer-
cies, and God
of all consolati-
ons : I haue
not seene, and had experience
in deed and truth, that in me,
that is in my flesh, there dwel-
leth no good thing. For the
very fountaine is corrupted,
euen my heart within me, the
fountaine of all my actions. I
find

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find it indeed full of filthinesse
in it selfe : full of rebellion a-
gainst thee ; hating thy most
excellent Maiestie, and euen
wishing that thou werest no
God at all, that it might the
more franchlie, and freely let
on fire the whole course of na-
ture in me, and so drake me
body and soule into the lake
that burneth with fire and
brimstone, fier that neuer
goeth out. I doe heere ther-
fore freely acknowledge and
confesse, that my destruction
is sought mightily & maye-
ly by my selfe : but my sal-
uation is of thee. I doe un-
feignedly repent me of my
wicked heart, and as hereto-

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fore

Deuout Prayers.

foze I haue in vprightnes & truth dedicated and deuoted the same vnto thy heauently protection: (as thou knowest) : so now in like manner I wholly resigne my selfe into thy hands, beseeching thee to take this vngodly heart, and frame it anew, to make it pliable, and fit for thy selfe. I know thou hast no need of my service, so thou canst command the stones, and they will arise and prayse thee. But yet seeing I wholly deny my selfe, and betake my life to the good gouernment of thy Sonne Iesus Christ my blessed Sauour: I beseech thee, oh Lord I beseech thee

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thee accept the soule of thy servant. Let me now see and experience y^e power of Christ against Satan. I haue experienced mine owne power which is weaknesse, not able to encounter with the strong man. The life that hereafter I shall liue, let me liue it wholly, (oh mercifull Father) by the faith in the death of Iesus Christ, and let Christ liue in me by his gracious and sanctifying spirit, that from henceforth I may unfainedly detest, and abhorre my former wickednes and may be renewed as a garment, and receiue the Kingdome of Christ in my consci-

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enoe as a Child, euen so (Fa-
ther of heauen): so be it. For
thou hast magnified thy mer-
cies in me, and so magnifie
them for euer. Thou hast
disappointed Satan of my
souls, and so disappoint him
still; of a truth I perceiue
that thou art faithfull, and
true in thy promises, and lo-
uest the Children with an e-
uerlasting love. Glöry, and
honour, and great worship,
and all power, might, and
patience, be ascribed vn-
to thee. For thou art
our worthy G D
most high: A-
men.

¶ In

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¶ In the instant and vrgent
assault of Temptation, a
very earnest prayer.

Word, why abho-
rest thou thy ser-
uant? why hidest
thou thy face fro
me? Heare thou in heauen,
thy dwelling place, thou
possessor of heauen and earth,
thou maker of all things, thou
louer of men, thou sauer of
soules heare and giue eare,
and let my prayer enter into
thy presence. The tempter
is ready, my heart is weake,

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my soule is wicked. I shall
cōspire against thee with Sa-
tā, I shall enter a league with
death and hell: I am fettered
in the chaines of eternall
damnation: Oh Lord God
Almighty, strong, and mer-
cifull, heare thou in heauen
thy dwelling place: Behold
mine owne desires are confe-
derate against me, and mine
inward affections conspire to-
gether to overthrow mee.
Noweuen now, am I ready
to be taken away: now my
sinful body bereth my simple
soule, now my simple soule
enthralleth her selfe to my sin-
full body: Now heare, and
helpe, oh God of heauen: my
Saviour

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Sauour sayd it; I surely
find it: The spirit is willing,
but the flesh is weake. Sa-
tan is strong, hee is very
strong, he hath strengthened
mee against my selfe. Oh
Strength of Israel, strength
of thy Chosen, strength of thy
Children, strengthen me for
my selfe, as Satan hath
strengthened me against my
selfe. If thou my God, my
rocke, my refuge wilt saue,
who can destroy? If thou
wilt deliuer, who shall im-
prison? If thou wilt but say
the word: let the iust capti-
uitie goe free: giue mee the
soule (oh Satan) that I haue
loued so, ever, that I haue e-
lected

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lected befo;e the world ; that
my sonne hath redeemed with
his p;erious bloud: what Sa-
tan? What sinne? What
death? What hell? What
hatred? what curse? what
law? what guilty conscience?
what despaire? what damna-
tion can hold it backe? Thou
art Almighty, thou art All-
sufficient, mighty against all
that resist thy might, and ther-
fore all these: sufficient so: all
that band themselues against
thy sufficiency, and therefore
for these. For these (O Lord
God most mercifull and so-
ving Father) whether they
be in mee, or about mee, thou
art Almighty, thou art all-
sufficient

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sufficient. Wicked Sinne, a
guiltie conscience, a despairing
soule, these are within me. O
God dispossesse them. Lawe,
and curse, hatred, and hell,
death, and diuell, and dam-
nation it selfe; these are about
me: Oh Lord disperse them.
Arise (Lord) and let thine e-
nemies be scattered: let these
that hate thee flee before thee.
Oh deliverer of the captives,
helper of the afflicted, relieuer
of the oppressed, comforter of
the grieved, my temptation is
at hand, my temptation is at
hand. I fall, I fall, Lord lift
me vp. Lord lift vp the light
of thy countenance vpon me.
Where art thou my God? Oh

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my soule what doest thou?
where art thou my God? My
soule whither wilt thou? what
haue I done vnto thee? why
doest thou betray me? But
where art thou my God? Oh
heare me now I call. Oh helpe
me now I cry vnto thee. The
assault is grievous, the vio-
lence is villanous, the danger
is desperate, oh wretched cre-
ature that I am: Who shall
deliuer me from this body of
death? Oh I am weake hear-
ted. I am soule sicke. I am
faint spirited. I finde no
meanes of resistance. Now
I fall, now I yeld, now I
am tempted, now I am ta-
ken, now I consent, now I
runne

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runne headlong vpon mine
owne damnation. Oh my
b:eaſt is pinched, my heart is
pained, my ſoule afflicted, my
infirmities ſurprized, my con-
ſcience vexed, mine affection
enflamed, my preſumption
encreaſed, I yeeld, I fall, I
ſinne, I dye. Oh God, oh
good God, oh gracious God
heare me: oh ſpirit, oh holy
ſpirit, oh comfortable ſpirit
(thy name is the comforter)
oh come and aſſiſt me. O Je-
ſu, ſweet Jeſu, Jeſu that deli-
uerest vs from the Avzath to
come. Come heare me, come
helpe me, come ſaue me, come
ſtand by me. Rebuke Satan,
rebuke ſinne, I beſeech thee
(my

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(my Saviour, my gentle Sa-
viour) rebuke my sinfull Soule
that resteth vpon thee, reforme
my soule that longeth for
thee: Suffer mee not to be
tempted above my strength,
of my self I have no strength;
Bee thou my strength, my
castle and deliverer, at this
time, and at all times, in my
perplexities, assaults, and
temptations: So be it, even
so be it, so I trust, and so I
rest. Jesu that deliverest
us from the wrath to

come. A-amen

men. mo D . amen

men. mo D . amen

men. mo D . amen

men. mo D . amen

men. mo D . amen

men. mo D . amen

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¶ A prayer for grace and diligence to pray.



O most mercifull
God, and loving
Father : I con-
fesse, & acknow-
ledge my negligent and care-
lesse behaviour towards thee,
as in all the course of godli-
nesse, so chiefly in deuotion
and godly praier. Haue mer-
cy vpon me, and forgive my
securitie. I haue hindred ma-
ny good things from my selfe
that I haue not prayed for. I
haue thereby bilisted thy hea-
uonly blessings, and riches of
thy

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thy mercie: I haue brought
leanenesse vnto my soule: Oh
gracious God, stirre vp my
dull and dead spirit, and quic-
ken me in thy holinesse, that
my breast being set on fire,
and enflamed with thy mani-
fold mercies and graces, I
may diligently direct my peti-
tions vnto thee, and so obtaine
accoꝝding to my necessity.
Open mine eyes O Lord, that
I may see my wants clearly,
touch my heart that I may
pray vnto thee faithfully, ser-
uently, & continually. Hear
me (oh good God) and quicken
me accoꝝding to thy mercie.
Oh disperse mine iniquities
as a cloud after a great raine.

Psalm

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Now after the time that thou
hast visited my sinne vpon
me, returne, returne I beseech
thee in great compassion. My
soule is afraid of thy iudge-
ments, I am beaten backe
with feare of thy wrath; when
I thinke to pray, my heart is
cold within me, I am astoni-
ed, and sodainly cast downe.
O LORD, lift me vp to thy
throne in prayer, thou that
hast lift me vp from the gates
of death. Where is thy lively
spirit? Sweet God, Iesus
my Saviour promised me the
comfortable spirit. In his
name I beseech thee send it in,
to my heart. It will teach me
and warne me to pray: so shal


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I be sure to obtaine my pray-
ers. Heare me (O Lord) for
my Saviour Iesus sake, to
whome with thee, and the
holie Ghost be all honoꝛ,
gloꝛie, and praise.

Amen.

A thankfull acknowledge-
ment of diuine mercies in
Iudgements.

 most mightie
Lord God, Crea-
toꝛ, Governour,
and possessor of
Heauen and earth : Wise-
dome is about thy throne, and
thy kingdome is established
in

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In iudgement. Whatsoever
pleaseth thee, that dost thou in
heaven and in earth, and in
all deepe places. Thou be-
holdest, and considerest the
waies of men : and thou re-
wardest every man according
to his workes. Thou callest
for punishment, and it run-
neth like the swift lightning
upon the transgressors. Thou
commandest vengeance, and
vengeance entreteth into all
places, the stately pallaces of
Princes, and the beggarly
cottages of the poore. There
is nothing hid from the bright-
nesse of thy presence. Thine
eyes in every place (a thou-
sand times brighter then the
Sunne)

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Sunne) behold the euill and
the good. There is nothing can
be deliuered from the firkenes
of thy wraath. It burneth like
fire euen to the bottome of
hell. Thou dost correct the
wicked with the vengeance of
eternall fire. Thou dost cha-
sten thine own children (when
they goe astray and wander
in the pathes of the vngodly)
with the corrections of men,
Infamy, pouerty, sicknesse of
bodie, weaknes of mind, im-
prisonment, banishment, per-
secution, and tempoꝛall death.
Oh Lord our gouernour how
excellent is thy name? how
wonderfull are thy iudge-
ments in all the world? And
yet

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yet for all this how few there
are, euen a very few, that con-
sider thy worke that is done
vnder the Sunne ; that pon-
der thy iudgements though
they be vpon themselves? Oh
palpable blindnesse, oh dull
forgetfulness, oh great securi-
ty, oh grosse impietie, thou
smitest, and no man regar-
deth, thou punishest, and no
man considereth, thou layest
thy iudgements to the view
of all men, and no man layeth
them vnto his heart. Blessed
is hee whome thou instructest
by punishment, and guidest
in the way of iudgement.
Surely this is a great mercy,
and it passeth all thy workes,

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Teach me thy indgements,
thy louing corrections haue
made me glad : To me thou
hast reuealed mercy in iudge-
ment, thou hast assured con-
solation by correction. Why
so? For I prayed vnto thee
in the sorrowes of my soule.
Correct mee O Lord yet in
thy judgement, not in thy
fury, &c. So I prayed, for I
was content to beare thy pu-
nishment, because I had sin-
ned against thee. This my
prayer thou hast graciously
granted vnto me, thou hadst
respect vnto the humble suite
of a sinner. Therefore in thy
fury thou didst not correct me
with violent fire which doth

De.

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denounce the Aduersary, with
everlasting paines thou didst
not reward mee as I deser-
ued: but in iudgement thou
hast punished me, with the
corrections of men: Infa-
my, poverty, sicknesse, weak-
nes, and such like, and so thou
hast granted my petition,
thou Lord hast received my
prayer, thou hast chastened
me with thy Children, least
I should be condemned with
the reprobate. And thus to
me thou hast revealed mercy
in iudgement. Thus thou
hast assured consolation by
correction. Where is thy mer-
cy (oh mercifull God) to
grant mee my request this
was

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was thy mercie to giue eare
in this thing vnto a sinner,
this was thy great mercie, I
grant it, I confesse it, I pro-
fesse it, I praise thy name for
it : Oh Iehoua. This is
the garment of gladnesse for
the spirit of heauinesse, oh
God my heart is ready, my
heart is ready, I will sing &
giue prayse. Awake my
gloxie, awake my grace, a-
wake my soule, all the secrets
of my Soule awake. I my
selfe will awake right early.
Reioyce (my deere Soule) in
the Lord thy God, and againe
I say reioyce. Oh righteous
Father : thou hast executed
thy iustice, and extended thy
mercy

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mercy vpon me both together.

Who can declare thy noble
Acts, and shew forth all thy
prayse? who can doe as thou
dost? can a Man? can a
Saint? can an Angell? can
any powre, and Principali-
ty, any throne, or dominion
bring good out of euill, sweet
out of sowre, honoꝝ out of
shame, life out of death, out
of vengeance mercy, as thou
dost? To thee therefore (oh
Iehoua) and to thee alone
shall all flesh come, shall all
creatures in heauen, and in
earth, and vnder the earth be
subiect, to thee shall my soule
and all the secrets of the same
be dutifull, and obedient from
hence,

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braceforth and for evermore.
I will sing unto thee among
much people, and will not be
ashamed. I will speake of
thy praises in the congregati-
ons, my Soule shall make
her boast of thee, and I will
ever remember this, that in
wrath thou thinkest vpon
mercy. I will remember and
not forget : euen so be it (oh
Father of heauen) through
Jesus Christ thy onely Son,
in whom thou art well plea-
sed, my onely Saviour
in whome I am fully
comforted. So
be it.

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¶ A Meditation sealing Eternall Election by the consideration of good Education.

O Most gracious God, and louing Father, who in thy sonne Iesus Christ before the world was made diddest predestinate, & fozeappoint some men to life, and some to death, some to glory, and some to contempt, some to saluation, and some to condemnation, euen of thy god pleasure. I giue thee most humble, and hearty
If thanks

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thankes that thou hast chosen
me to life, gloꝝy, and saluatiō,
freely, and of thine owne ac-
cord, when it might haue plea-
sed thee to reprobate mee so,
euer. Euē so (Father) because
it was thy good pleasure: a tast
of this loue and fauour thou
hast giuen me by the reuelati-
on of Iesus Christ. Whereby I
am assured y^t I am predesti-
nate vnto eternall life, that I
haue faith in the death & blood-
shed of Iesus Christ. O Lord
encrease my Faith. Horcouer
this thine ancient loue, eter-
nall, and without beginning
is manifested to me moze per-
fectly, for that it pleased thee y^t
I should not only be boꝝne of
goble

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godly parents embracing thy
truth, but also by them bee
brought vp and trained from
my child-hood in a course of
godlinesse and vertue, that so
comming vnto riper yeares I
might bee grounded & establi-
shed in thy holy waies. Oh
mercifull father, my consciēce
and sinnes doe testifie against
me that I haue not deserued
the least of thy mercies that
thou hast enriched me withall
from my youth vp, much lesse
this so great and inestimable
a grace to bee followed with
thy louing kindnesse, and at-
tended vppon by thy grace
through good education all my
life long to this present houre.

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For (to confesse a truth) I
haue not ceased to prouoke
thee continually , I haue not
ceased to transgresse against
thy holy Maiesty, in thought,
word, and deed euery day, yea
Lord in great and grievous
sort, early and late, in child-
hood, in youth, in middle age,
ignoꝛantly , and wittingly,
weakly and presumptuously,
in such sort (O Father) that
it is maruaile I am not alrea-
dy consumed , already con-
demned . Yet for all this, thy
louing fauour hath accompa-
nied me euermore ; and now
I perceiue the good fruit of
godly education. Oh my God
what shal I render vnto thee?
holw

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how shall I bee thankfull?
what recompence dost thou
like for? behold I will thanke
thee in Christ Iesus thy be-
loved Sonne, and my blessed
Saviour: I will trust in thy
mercie for ever through him.
I will live in thy feare by his
power, I will serve thee with
an unfeigned heart, and glo-
rifie thee in my body, and in
my soule, by the working of
his grace and spirit all the
daies of my life. Oh conti-
nue for thy loving kindnes
towards me from henceforth,
and for ever, that being con-
ducted and guided through
this vale of misery; after I
haue a little recouered my

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Strength in bodie and spirit,
performed my duty, patiently
suffered, and endured the ap-
pointed crosse for me: I may
in the end receive the end of
my faith and hope: even the
salvation of my soule, and at
that great day the glorificati-
on of both body and soule
through the same, my Lord
and Saviour Jesus Christ, to
whome with thee, and the
holy Ghost, be eternall
and equall praise
forever. A-

men.

In

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¶ In weeping, mourning,
and bitter anguish, a con-
fession and prayer.



O Lord God,
what shall I say
unto thee? O fa-
ther of Heauen
how shall I en-
treat thee? I am horrible af-
raid of thy indgments, I am
wonderfully abashed at thy
glorious presence, I am bitter-
ly ashamed of mine own base-
nes, vilenesse, wretchednesse,
dust, & ashes: flesh and blood,
filth and froth, swill, and sinne
that I am, who shall giue me

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accesse and entrance before
thy Maiestie? who shall helpe
me to entreat for thy mercy?
The blood of thy Son I haue
polluted and profaned, the ho-
ly spirit of grace I haue refus-
ed and despighted. I confesse
my wickednesse, and I am
sorie for my sinne. The re-
membraunce therof is grievous
vnto me, the burthen thereof
is intollerable. Albeit my due
desert is hell, death, and dam-
nation: Pra, and perpetuall
beration and terror of heart,
vntill the sentence of destruc-
tion and eternall confusion be
executed vpon me, a spirit of
vniuersitnesse to trouble mee
(like the spirit of Saul) from
hence.

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henceforth euen for ever: Yet
I will hope in the multitude
of thine unspeakable mercies
purchased to all sinners in
their deepest distresse and mi-
serie. In most humble wise
as it becommeth an inferiour
vassall to his puissant and Al-
mighty prince and leige Lord;
as it becommeth a Palefactor
to an upright and most wise
Iudge, as it becommeth a ve-
ry disobedient & stubborne ser-
uant to his carefull Pastor,
and finally a prodigall and
wilfull Child to his most kind
and louing Father: I submit
my selfe wholly distressed of
mine owne deserts, and bitter-
ly detesting mine owne abho-
minable

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minable conceits, words, and
workes against thy holy will,
and commandement; in the
wound of conscience, and for
the depth of a mind thoroughly
grieved with my rebellions I
most submissely and earnestly
call and cry vnto thy most
gracious Maiesty and mercy,
for pardon and forgiveness of
my hainous crimes and innum-
erable transgressions, in all
humility and tribulation of
spirit, beseeching thy fatherly
goodnes to lay them vpon the
backe of thy deare sonne Je-
sus Christ, that All sufficient
Redeemer, Reconciler, and
Saviour of all those that put
their trust in his most absolute
merites,

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merits, and perfect obedience.

O my God: my sure trust is
in him, that he will be pleased
to accept me so: one of those
whome he calleth in the Gos-
pell, labouring and heauie la-
den with their sinnes to be re-
lieued, and eased; Not so:
any other reason, but because
hee is the right hand of thy
mercy, reached out vnto sain-
ting and languishing sinners,
whercof I am one. Wherefore
(oh deare Father of Heauen)
despise me not appoaching to
the throne of grace in his only
name, but let me be possessed
wth the spirit of assurance of faith
sprinkled in my heart, from
an euil conscience, that I may
find

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find grace to helpe me now in
this time of need. I doe feele
certainly, I do find the gnaw-
ing worme eating vp my
heart, the venome of thine ar-
rowes drinking vp my spirit,
the rigour of thy iudgements
perplexing my thoughts, the
seuerity of thy punishment
astomishing and amaying my
weake and feeble wits, so that
I know not, either what
course to take to ease my selfe,
either what words to vse to
entreat thy mercie. O Lord
God, great and fearfull, be
not as a Lyon vnto mee, doe
not set me as a marke to shoot
at, for thou neuer failest to
hit where thou aymest, thou
hittest

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hitteſt full and home, thy ſhot
is of an Archer of perfect
ſtrength, thy ſtrokes are dead-
ly ſtrokes, thine arrowes are
venomed with the fire of
wrath that burneth for ever.
Who is able to abide? wilt
thou ſtill hold my finnes be-
fore my face? wilt thou ſtill
encreaſe the ſorrowes of my
heart? Alas what is my
ſtrength? What is my faith
that thou tryeſt me? Surely
thou canſt find nothing in me,
but exceeding weakneſſe, a
daunted ſpirit, a diſpairing
ſoule. The thought of all my
finnes ſince my youth up be-
ing now ſet in order before
me, doth quench the light of
the

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the assured faith which I hoped was within mee. O good father p^{ro}uide mee but this once, and withhold the punishment from me. Let not this fit of thy lasting indignation make an end of mee. I know assuredly thou hast, and daily dost forgive sinne, greater and more heinous sinne then mine. For in the very depth of my disobedience I haue alwaies restrained the unbridled affection, and surely thou hast neuer suffered me to this houre to giue my full and whole consent to any sinne whereinto I haue fallen since I was borne. In consideration whereof (O father) I haue
the

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the sure testimony of a good
conscience, that I am one of
thy chosen) I humbly entreat
thy Maiesty to encline thine
care to my supplication, and
to deale with mee, as with a
sonne rememb'ring himselfe,
and returning vnto thee in
weeping, & great mourning.
Let the griefe of my heart,
and the teares of mine eyes be
accepted for all that I can do,
and lay all the burden of my
transgressions: late, and long
since past, vpon the backe of
my blessed Saviour Iesus
Christ, who for such as I am
dyed, and suffered the bitter
cup of thy wrath. O be thou
pacified, and well pleased
in

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in him, who suffered the Just
for the uniuſt, and endured
cruelties, and undeservedly all
extremities, to the end thou
(O righteous father) shouldst
be pacified and well pleased,
with all penitent & believing
sinners, notwithstanding the
multitude, magnitude, and
turpitude of their transgressi-
ons. Were mine abhominati-
ons now to be committed,
though I might concale the
from the world, I would not
performe them in the presence
of thy Maieſty, because thou
art a God of pure eyes, and
canst not behold iniquity. I
feare thee. I loue thee. I doe
reuerence before thee. I adore
thy

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thy purity, integrity, thy perfection. I am desirous to bee like vnto thee, O thou that dwellest in the heauens. My soule hath desire and a longing to please thee, & perseuere in thy waies, and to be renewed in righteousness, and true holines, after thy blessed Image. When my finnes are forgiven, and my transgressions wiped out of the booke of thy iudgements; then shall mercie embrace mee, and loving kindnesse compasse mee, euery morning, then shall my faith worke by thy love, shed abroad in my heart through the holy Ghost, then shall my wonted strength, and much more

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more also possesse, & enarme
my soule against all my dead-
ly foes, then shall I be cleansed
and made fit for every good
worke. So shall the Com-
fort of my heart be restored
unto mee againe, and I will
serue thee in Spirit and truth
all the daies of my life. And
doe render unto thee in the
meane time, nothing doub-
ting of thy free pardon, all
honour, glory, praise, po-
wer, dominion, & thanks,
now and for ever,
more. A-
men.

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¶ A *De-profundis* full of
hope, and godly resoluti-
on.



O Lord my God
the comforter of
all the chosen,
from whose only
thyne proceedeth ioy & glad-
nesse, peace and comfort, and
euerlasting felicitie, in whose
presence is the fulnesse of ioy,
at whose right hand there are
pleasures for euermore, with-
out whose cherefull counte-
nance, and pleasant aspect no-
thing is amiable, no Soule is
ioyfull; vouchsafe to shine
into

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into my woefull heart, even
pined & consumed with griefe,
through my dayly complay-
ning : miserably rent, and
torn in pieces through conti-
nuall mourning day & night,
perplexed and distracted unto
the very death through perpe-
tuall tribulation, and anguish
without ceasing. I know
that one favourable aspect of
thy grace vpon me can restore
me to vnspcakable gladnesse.
Oh that it were thy pleasure
to afford it me, to bring me
backe from the graue, which
I behold as it were already
opened for my transgressions.
In truth my griefe is not ce-
sied of me; yet it doth aston-
ish

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nish me. I find my selfe in
farre worse case then euer in
my life, neuer was I pierced
so much at the heart rote. I
haue not heretofore receiued
so deepe, and desperate, and
deadly wound in my consci-
ence. If thou (Lord) vouch-
safe to rid me out of this thral-
dome, and euen hellish capti-
uity, being fast bound in the
chaines of dānable thoughts,
O my Lord, my good God,
my heart & tongue shall sing
for euer vnto thy prayse.
I will publish thy mercies,
I will teach thy iudgements
vnto thy people. I will praise
thee in the great congrega-
tion. I will wholly conse-
crate,

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crate and deuote my selfe vnto thee all the daies of my life. Oh father of heauen giue & bestow freely vppon mee the most excellent gift of an vnfained Faith, that my sinnes are forgiven me for thy deere sonne Iesus Christs sake: let me fully be assured thereof by the Spirit the comforter. Indeed it doth not belong vnto mee I confesse, I confesse, I will not deny. For I haue behaved my selfe moze like a reprobate, and damned creature then one of thy children. Surely such Carrion cors as I am, that trample the blood of Iesus Christ, and despise the spirit of grace so sinfully,
so

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so shamefully, so often, so odiously, so presumptuously, so intollerably, as I haue done, are not worthy y^e least crum of thy mercifull comfort: yet Lord, sith I am but dust and ashes, and thzough the frailty of the old Adam, I haue thus abused thy goodnes, refusing and beryng thy holy spirit, for which damnable insolency, I am now most woefully distracted, and almost bereft of my small wits; the deepe thoughts whereof doe so dangerously assault mee; O my Father, and my God: contend not with me any longer; I shal surely despaire, and be damned, if thou send me not

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ayd and peace of Conscience
speedily; How can I lye in
these scorching flames? Oh
consider mine exceeding weak-
nesse, Oh good Samaritane:
poyze wine and oyle into my
bleeding wounds. Oh sweet
Iesu let me not be cast away,
because I haue put my trust
in thee. I will not let thee go
vntill thou blesse me. (How
blessed Sauoure) many of my
prayers haue bene refused,
let this be accepted; sith thou
hast giuen me a time to re-
pent, with most humble
thāks giue me leave to accept
it. Cast me not out of thy
presence. I desire to be at rest
in my spirit, y I may go cheer-
fully

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fully forward in thy holy ser-
vice. What shall I saye how
shall I entreat: god Lord
hane mercy vpon me. Oh let
thy tender mercies comfort
my distressed, and heale my
wounded heart, Oue vpon
thy mercy sweet Iesu, sweet
Iesu, mercy or no merrie, all
honour, and glory, and praise,
and power, might, and
Glatterie be ascribed
vnto thee for ever
and ever A-
men.

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A true penitents confession,
and petition for
grace.

O MIGHTY Prince & Po-
tentate of Hea-
uen and Earth,
Lord God of hostes, invinci-
ble & incomprehensible Spi-
rit, whose wisdom is infi-
nite, whose power unresista-
ble, whose mercie unspeake-
able, haue mercy vppon me
most wofull Captiue & Cai-
tife, enthralled to sinne, to
Satan, to the powers of
darknesse, to the sorowes of
soules

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soule, to the tribulations and
anguish of a guilty Consci-
ence, by my most heinous
offences, and criminous e-
normities, most ridiculous,
and absurd vanities, where
in once I found some fond de-
light; but now I find no solid
comfort, only discontentmēt,
indignation, woe, and shame.
I am abashed, and confound-
ed, and in a wonderfull per-
plexed agony, that I should
so deeply, so deadly, so often,
offend thy most excellent
Majestie, who art a God of
pure eyes, and canst not be-
hold iniquity. For albeit such
is the vronye dulnes of our
cursed corruption, that we
cannot,

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cannot, and by saucy presumption of our wilful inclination, that we will not let thee befoze our eyes, when we are tempted to sinne, and moued to transgression: yet certaine is it, that thine eare of ielousie heareth all things, and thine eye of ielousie seeth all things and nothing is hid from the brightnes of them, ten thousand times brighter then the Sun, but whatsoever worke is in our hands, whatsoever word in our moutches, whatsoever thought or imagination in our hearts, thou O Lord knowest it altogether. And as all our ways & works, are all naked and open befoze thy sight

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sight; thou lovest righteousness,
and hatest iniquity, therefore
when we are sinfull, yet thou
continuest holy, excellent in
glory, vpight in iustice, Al-
mighty in power; as thou
many times sparest when we
deserue punishment; so thou
many times woundest with
thy iust reuenge when wee
sle it not till after wards, we
flatter our selues in our own
sight, till our abhominable
sinnes be found out, till thou
reprooue vs sharply, and se-
nerely set before vs the things
that we haue done, till thou
makest a Catalogue and roll
of our offences, & settest our
secret sinnes in order before

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us, and presentest thy selfe
withall a iust reuenger, our
manifest breaches, of thy ho-
ly Commandements, and
manifest contépt of thy blessed
word, of thy iust iudgements
and of thy louing mercies,
consider not in our hearts, our
most accursed, and damnable
estate wherein wee dayly
plunge our selues most odi-
ously, and abhominable, yea
though our sinnes be not of
the smallest; but great and
griuous, and heynous and
enormous abhominatiōs; yet
either such is the grosse dark-
nesse, and palpable blindnes
of our minds, and understan-
ding, or such is the deadnes
of

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of our infected consciences,
that wee runne on still from
one iniquity to another, till
we sodainly fall into thy hea-
uie displeasure, till thine in-
dignation and fiery wrath
breake forth like fire vpon vs,
and we be not able to quench
it. Hence is it that wee are
plunged into many fearefull
gulfes of desperation. Wee
are affrighted with many ter-
rible sights of our finnes, hence
we are wounded at the very
heart with many distrustfull
thoughts of thy mercies, and
as many desperate imaginati-
ons of thy vengeance. The
paines of hell get hold vpon
vs, and the feare of thee doth

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Wndoe vs. before either we
stand in awe of thy Maiesty,
or seek after thy mercy; Oh
my God and Saviour I con-
fesse unfainedly this my case:
so I have transgressed, so little
I haue regarded, so I am op-
pressed; Wherefore O Fa-
ther of mercies, and God of
all consolation, who hast ap-
pointed repentance for sin-
ners, who dwellest in eterni-
ty, and yet in the humble and
contrite spirit; In the name
of thy holy, and blessed, and
only belov'd Sonne our Lord
and Saviour Iesus Christ,
who hath promised ease to all
that labouring and heauy la-
den, come unto him: who
cannot

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cannot breake the bruized
Reed, and will not quench
the smoaking flaxe, I most
humbly and earnestly beseech
and entreat thy fatherly good-
nes to forgive me all my sin-
nes, to lay them upon his backe,
the true scape-goat, and send
them into the wildernes, the
land of oblivion, that my
Conscience through faith in
his most precious blood and
meritorious sacrifice may be
fully discharged of them all.
O Prince of peace, send peace
into my heart: the peace that
passeth understanding, that
peace which thou gavest for a
Legacy to thy Disciples, whē
before thy death thou diddest

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make promise of that spirit
the Comforter. O holie spirit
of Comfort, the onely ioye of
thine elect, let thy blessed pre-
sence so chere and glad my
soule, that being assured of thy
sauing health, I may delight
to serue thee, and to sanctifie
my selfe more and more with
all allacritie and pleasure of
my spirit attending on thy
will, & walking in thy wayes
all the residue of this my pil-
grimage, & mortallitie. Grant
this O Father, Sonne, and
holy Ghost, holie, blessed, and
eternall Trinity, the Author
of Life, the giuer of grace, the
God of power, whose wise-
dome is p[er]celesse, whose do-
minion

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minion is endles, whose mer-
its is bottomlesse: To whom
be all praise, honour, and glo-
rie, to ever, and ever, world
without end, Amen.

A speciall forme of sub-
mission, and supplication
to the Almighty

I cannot be de-
lined (oh Lord
G D Almighty
ty) it is too well
knowne to the, and too la-
mentably experienced in our
selues; that we are nothing
else but a smoke, and steele, and
paddle of sinne, a masse and
lumpe

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lumps of rebellion. That there
is no light in our understand-
ing, no good inclination in
our good will, no grace in our
life: we have erred, and stray-
ed from thy waies ever since
we were borne, through the
original Concupiscence and
Corruption wherein wee are
conceined, we have neuer cea-
sed to breake thy holie Com-
mandments, and to walke
headlong into all manner of
dishonours. When the temp-
tar is ready wee are fit to be
tempted, as he is never bu-
rdened; so wee often are
tempted, and taken in most
dangerous and deadly gins.
Woe and alas to our weak
weake

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weake & feeble soules, wherein
there is neither power, nor
will, nor wisdom to with-
stand the fierce and violent as-
saults of the spiritual wicked-
nesses that fight against vs,
that entrench, and encampe
themselves round about vs;
when wee thinke that all is
lost, then rush they upon vs,
as the Philistines did upon
Samson, & we through our
liance with this wanton De-
lilah of our stone flesh, and
filthy vanitie of this wicked
world are lulled a sleep in care-
less security, and have lost our
spirituall strength of faith,
hope, and godlinesse, and so
are taken, and bound, and
blinded,

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blinded, and leat away Cap-
tives: & held in thraldome, and
scorned of those wicked and
belsh hents, who greatly de-
light in the destruction and
confusion of thy chyldren,
which thirst and long after
our eternall damnation. In
tender and bitter considerati-
on whereof most lamentably
complaining unto thy most
excellent and incomprehensi-
ble Spaiesty, (oh Lord God
of hosts) thy most distressed
and forlorne servant, and a-
dopted sonne theweth, and o-
peneth his grievances: and
being tyed, wearied, and o-
uerburdened with most cun-
ning, crafts & subtile sleights,

as

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as also most outrageous tyrannies, and impetuous violences of his implacable, infernall foes: in all humility and lowlinesse of mind with no lesse griefe and sorrow of a perplexed heart, most submissly, deuoutly, and feruently beseecheth thy supereminent, & far most exceeding excellent Highnes, to send out thy most mighty and powerfull spirit to ayd and assist mee in these assaults. Oh let thine Angels pitch their tents round about me to discomfite all those that haue euill will at my soule. Of thy goodnesse heate them backe that annoy me. I am sore troubled and hindered in
that

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that course of godlines where-
in I would walke. Oh let me
runne the way of thy Com-
mandements, and let my
heart be at liberty. My soule
hath a desire and a longing to
be partaker of thy strength: I
know none so weak, yet none
so desirous to bee strong in
thee. Oh my God let me not
against thee as a marke, my
building is of the clay, my
foundation is in the dust.
How can I chuse if thou deli-
uer me into the hand of temp-
ters, but fall away presently?
Aids (O God of my Salva-
tion) and let mine enemies be
put to flight, let me not be a
northstone, because I have
hoped

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hoped in thy holy name. Let
no temptatiō overcharge me,
because my trust is onely in
thy mighty hand, and out-
stretched arme. Wiers it that
I relied in my selfe at all, or
that I did not wholly renounce
mine owne strength, which is
very feeblenesse it selfe; I
should not dare to call vpon
thee: but sith I am wholly
discouraged and cast downe
in my selfe, and indeed I la-
bour with temptations, and
am heauy laden with many
sinnes, I presume in all possi-
ble orientation, and prostration
of my soule and body, from a
broken and a contrite spirit,
which thou neuer best to de-
spise,

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spise, to entreat thy fauour and
fatherly protection, that (ac-
cording to his most gracious
promise) I may be refreshed
and eased by thy blessed Son
my onely hope and Saviour.
I doe very well know, and in
all dutifull thankfulness vpon
mine owne experience I ac-
knowledge, that the holy spi-
rit the comforter proceeding
from you both, is of All-suffi-
cient and inuincible force and
wisdom: to withstand, and
confound all those that come
against my soule. Be they
never so many Legions of
uncleane and wicked spirits:
yet one onely comfortable In-
fluence, and Inspiration of
that

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that your mighty and victori-
ous spirit of Grace is fully a-
ble to mortifie, and kill all the
venemous contagions and
infections wherewith they
haue empoysoned my saely
soule. **W**herfore (O Father
of eternall mercies) who lo-
kest vpon the abiect and for-
lozue offenders, with a louing
and compassionate aspect, who
art wont to be entreated of
broken hearted wretches, I
beseech thee, I beseech thee,
with distilling teares I hum-
bly, heartily, and earnestly
beseech thee hide not thy face,
withdraw not thy helping
hand from me; but in tender
consideration of my exceeding
græfe,

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griefe, and distraction of mind
for my sinnes past, mine ap-
parent frailnes, and admira-
ble weaknesse, to resist as-
saults and temptations to
come; be present with me thou
guide and governour of my
life, to smite the enemy at his
approach. Enter into me O
spirit of power, and rule with
in mee mightily; keepe the
conscience, the Fortresse, the
Bulwarke, the Castle of my
heart: unite, and knit my will
and thoughts vnto thee, and
enable me with a garrison of
heavenly graces, that I may
not onely defend my selfe; but
plague them that hate and
hurt my soule. For I am thy
servant,

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servant, and so will be for ever.

All other freedom is but bondage and slavery, thy onely

service is perfect freedom, and

therefore unto that doe I be-

take my selfe. Mercie me (O

Lord) and cast me not away.

I will fight in thy field, and

dwell in thy house all the daies

of my life, because to feare

thee, and love thee, and live

after thy will is my whole de-

light, and perfect ioy. And

glory be unto thee, O God

most high; even all glory, ho-

nour, and praise, now and

for evermore. A-

men.

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¶ A petition for a feeling
Conscience.



Am now deter-
mined and fully
resolved, Lord
God eternall,
most gracious
and mercifull Father, to give
an everlasting farewell to all
mine impious and presump-
tuous desires. Have mercy
upon me, have mercy upon
me: ayd and assist me with
thy constant Spirit. There
is no beginning, there is no
ending, there is no proceeding
in a godly course without thy
speciall

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Speciall helpe. Satan by the
world and originall corrupti-
on is able to overthrow the
strongest soule. But the
strength of one of thine An-
gels is farre beyond all power
of Satan. How much more
the powerfull inspiration of
the spirit of grace? Now Lord,
I am perswaded by the same
that I am fully reconciled un-
to thee: that my many and
mighty sinnes are utterly de-
faced, and rased out of the
Booke of the memoriall of thy
most iust iudgements. Where-
fore in assured confidence of
thy manifold mercies, and full
assurance of thy louing fauor;
in all humility and lowlines
of

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of heart I submit my selfe to
the most mighty Goddesse, be-
sieging the same to look upon
my misery, wherinto I have
plunged my selfe by my folie;
and put the most holy spirit of
Comfort, Christian courage,
and Constancy upon me: And
let it rule within me to the o-
verthrowing of the kingdomes
of Sinne and Satan in my
Heart and Conscience, in my
Life and Conversation conti-
nually. It is well knowne
unto thee, and I doe acknow-
ledge, that such, and so great
are, and have bene, mine e-
nuyties from time to time,
that they are able to breake
the stoutest heart; thereunto
byance